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Via U.S. Mail

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Re: U.S. Application Serial No. 10/505,192, filed August 19, 2004
Examiner: K.B. Patel
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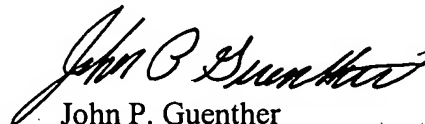
Dear Director Love:

I am writing to you to express my sincere gratitude for the effort that Examiner Patel put into working with us recently in connection with the above-identified application. Rather than dismissing the applicant's arguments in a cursory fashion, Examiner Patel invested a significant amount of his own personal time to discuss the case with us. He explained his thoughts and concerns and sincerely tried to help us constructively address them. Clearly, not everyone would have gone the "extra mile" as he did. Such positive constructive interaction serves to improve the entire examination process and make the process much more efficient for both the Office and the applicant.

While this specific matter may or may not receive the outcome that we had hoped for in this round of examination, Examiner Patel's efforts were certainly very much appreciated by ourselves and the applicant. His efforts deserve to be commended.

Very truly yours,

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